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Merry Christmas To All and a Jolly Vacation

Students Set For Vacation Reunions

After the rattle and rush of the coming weekend's travel has ceased, and Hamilton's loyal and steadfast sons have reached home parked their suitcases, and waved a hasty greeting to their families, it is expected that they will begin to gather in various and sundry nooks and crannies the country over to start the fast and furious round of festivities that will mark the holiday season. Many students have their date books filled.

Among these: The Sigs plan to celebrate one of the biggest events of the vacation in the marriage of Charles Reeves to Ann Claire Reeber of New York City on Saturday, December 28. The ceremony will take place in the rectory of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and wil be followed by a reception at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, which quite a few Hamilton men plan to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves expect to make their home on the Hill next term.

The Alpha Delts didn't seem to wish to disclose any definite plans but we feel certain that groups of them may be found any night in a dim corner of the Stork Club or the Astor Bar. The Theta Delts also were a bit reluctant to divulge any vital statistics, but after some coercion, they did admit that a tentative party is being planned at some point in the vicinity of Tenafly, New Jersey.

Another wedding will feature the holiday season when a number of D. U.'s will dash from their Saturday classes to be in Albany in time for the marriage of James Prescott to Carol Chapman. John Tobin and Frank Larned are to be ushers in the ceremony, which will take place in the First Presbyterian Church. The reception is to be held at a nearby country club.

Planning to attend the annual Christmas banquet of the national Chi Psi fraternity are Victor T. Wahl, William Macey, and George Barnum of the local chapter. Other Chi Psi's have made plans to meet in New York during the two week vacation.

Also planning a celebration in New York are Donald Birkby and Phillips C. Brooks of Lambda Chi Alpha, who will be guests of brother Robert C. Gross. Plans have

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Elect Class Officers

Class officers, elected Wednesday during Chapel meeting, are listed below. Senior balloting resulted in a tie between Lee Bristol and Frank Miller for vice-president. The decision will be made by the seniors in the near future. Names are listed in order of office: president, vice-president, secretary.

Senior Class: Ellis Bradford, Lee Bristol (tied with) Frank Miller,

Junior Class: Nickolas Burns, Bernard Burns, Allen Schepper.

Sophomore Class: John Gallagher, Michael Twomey, Phillips Brooks.

Freshman Class: Donald Gregory, Thomas Busha, Peter Falk.

WIBX Quiz Program

On Wednesday evening, December 17, Hamiltonians were given the chance to find out just how much some of their pedagogues know. Messrs. Shute, Graves, Count and Nesbitt, the victims selected by the student body, were subjected to various toughies ranging from the home towns of national celebrities to the inauguration dates of assassinated presidents. Needless to say, the raison d'etre of the program was to stump the Profs. And occasionally — but not often — they were stumped.

Previous to the broadcast over WIBX, Prof. Thomas Johnston, the able and witty master of ceremonies, launched the warmup session by asking the experts what they knew about the satellites of Mars. and the length of the Hudson and Moselle Rivers. As was to be expected, muffs drew sadistic guffaws from the audience.

The Chapel was silent at 10:30, when the real questions were about to be fired.

Prof. Shute displayed keen perception in recognizing one of his own musical compositions. Dr. Graves excelled at naming the home towns of several well-known American personalities. Prof. Nesbitt was right on the ball when it came to translating slang into English. And Prof. Count demonstrated, without a doubt, that he knows just about all there is to know about cows.

Hill Parties Greet Christmas Season

With the Christmas vacation drawing near, the various fraternities on the Hill once again resume the custom of preparing for the holidays with a series of Christmas parties. Some of the houses, such as Sigma Phi and Psi Upsilon, had rather elaborate pre-vacation affairs, whereas the majority of the fraternities are holding informal cocktail parties and Christmas dinners. Many houses are taking advantage of the Christmas concert to be held Thursday night and having their parties afterward.

Sunday afternoon, Sigma Phi resumed another of the customs which had become defunct during the war when it held its traditional Christmas party for the children of the faculty and Sigma Phi alumni able to attend. A Peanut Hunt, musical chairs, and pin the tail on the donkey preceeded Santa Claus' emergence from the fire place with presents for all the children.

Psi Upsilon just missed the tremendous snowfall which hit the Hill Sunday evening but all the other accoutrements of the Christmas spirit were in evidence at the party held Saturday. Following the scheduled outline on the Psi U Christmas program a Wassail party was held in the afternoon, followed by a candlelight dinner. The evening ended with a Christmas dance and midnight caroling in the Great Hall.

The Emerson Literary Society held its Christmas banquet Wednesday evening and was one of the many houses to feature egg nog and all the trimmings, however, the main event of the evening was the presentation of Dicken's "Christmas Carol" in accord with WHC's inter-fraternity dramatic competition. E L S men also intend to set out Friday evening on a carol sing about the campus.

The Dekes' plans include their annual Christmas party for batchelor faculty members and the house; it will be one of the several parties to be held after the Christmas Concert. Paul Boehm, Deke social chairman, stated the party would be a quiet informal affair—however. Chi Psi Lodge also intends to serve egg nog to the members as they prepare for the trips home Saturday. Herm Vanderwart has wisely chosen

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been laid by the latter for cocktails, dinner, and dancing which will be accomplished on both sides of the New York—New Jersey border.

Doubtless the holidays will be all too short for everyone (especially those "honeymooners"), but it appears that Hamiltonians intend to pack everything into those last refreshing vacation days before semester examinations begin.

AVC Backs Move To Raise GI Pay

Student veterans attending colleges and vocational schools throughout New York and New Jersey will meet on Saturday, December 21st, to plan ways of getting an increase in the subsistence allotment of Public Law 346 and 16, the veterans will also discuss plans for increasing housing and school facilities. Hamilton College representatives at this meeting, which will take place at City College of New York, are Chairman Richard I Muniz and Treasurer Francis A. Dolan of the Hill Chapter of the American Veterans Committee. The gathering is being called by the Intercollegiate Veterans Coordinating Committee, a national organization of student veteran groups. The Student Council and student veterans have been invited to send observers to this meeting, and any Hillmen planning to go should contact Dolan or Muniz today.

The assembly is prompted by the fact that inadequate subsistence and housing are forcing veterans to leave school in the face of rising living costs and increasing tuition rates. This conference will cooperate with other regional assemblies throughout the United States in pressing for improvement of the housing and subsistence situations. The Mid-Atlantic state's conference, already held, has gone on record calling for allowances of $100 monthly for single veterans, and $125 for married men, witth $10 for each child; flat increases of $35 a month in Public Law 16 allotments, which cover disabled veterans, also have been asked for. Our AVC representatives while mindful of the fact that allotments under the G. I. Bill are scaled "merely to assist" the student veterans, will try to have the conference seek higher allotments than those above.

HILL PARTIES GREET. . .

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Friday afternoon as the time of the party and the boys of Chi Psi should be in the right spirit as they depart from the Hill. The members also intend to purchase the most costly gifts a dime can buy in order to fill a grab bag for the after dinner festivities. Delta Upsilon featured a Christmas Banquet Wedneday evening, other plans are not complete at present, but the Yuletide air prevails as the house is decked with leaves of holly and the other accesories. Alpha Delta Phi contents itself this year with the traditional Christmas banquet, which, however, should suffice to bring the pre-vacation period to a successful conclusion.

Lambda Chi Alpha held its Christmas dinner Wednesday evening; dinner was punctuated by carol singing and various other types of entertainment. The Squires included the basketball game and a dance in the Baker Memorial room at the Gymnasium Saturday night in their activities prior to the closing of school. Theta Delta Chi held their Christmas banquet Wednesday evening.

In the next few days the student body of Hamilton College (you and I, that is) will be taking various paths toward home, **Hamiltonews** hopes that the Christmas spirit evidenced about the Hill is equally prevalent at home.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Schepper, Carmer, Tapped by Was Los

The conclusion of Wednesday Chapel also brought the conclusion of this year's tapping for Was Los. The 1945 members of the junior honor society, augmented by this year's initiates, Bernard O. Burns, Robert D. Hartshorne, Herman Vanderwart, Jr., and Nicholas K. Burns, collaborated in choosing the final pair of Was Los selectees. This week's choices were Allen Schepper and Dick Carmer, bringing Was Los up to its full strength of six men.

After the Christmas holidays, both Pentagon and DT, the senior and sophomore honor societies, will begin to tap.

Faculty Gives OK On Chapel Use

At 7:30 A. M. tomorrow morning, the Canterbury Club will celebrate the Holy Communion in the College Chapel. The celebrant will be the Rev. Robert J. Parker of Clinton.

This will be the first meeting in the Chapel made possible by the following resolution of the Trustees' Executive Committee, and recently announced by Dean of the Faculty, John Blythe.

"RESOLVED, That the Chapel and other College buildings should be permitted to be used for sectarian churches provided (1) that the services are conducted by an ordained clergyman (or other qualified person) who, in either case, is approved by the appropriate ecclesiastical jurisdiction and who is not a member of the College faculty or staff and (2) that no member of the College community be excluded from participation in any such service."

Wickwar Heads Lecture Committee

A stimulating series of lectures, covering several fields of general interest, has been arranged for the coming semester by a faculty committee headed by Professor Hardy Wickwar. Utilizing the annual interest derived from the John Ripley Myers, Frank Hoyt Wood, and the William Copley Winslow Lectureship Funds, Prof. Wickwar has contacted several speakers, outstanding in their respective professions, and succeeded in engaging them as lecturers for our spring series.

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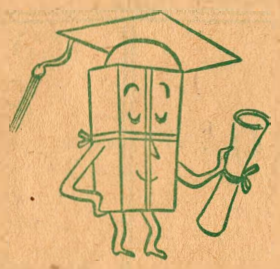

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J-V Bucketmen Take Opener, 26-20

The Hamilton College Junior Varsity battled, scrapped, and doggedly turned back the persistent efforts of the Clinton American Legion to back up a 26-20 triumph in their initial encounter of the season.

The ball game, holding the interest of the spectators right from the gun, was hard fought and well played, with the decision in doubt until the final whistle.

The young Continentals jumped in the lead and never relinquished it, but Coach Kuolt definitely wasn't smiling in the 3rd stanza when Clinton came from behind to knot the count at 15-15. Shortly afterwards, Misty Haggarty, who had not broken into the scoring column as yet, neatly lost his man and dropped the tie breaking basket.

Intra-murals Start Winter Program

The lid blew off the winter intramural schedule last Monday night when the formidable married men from Carnegie took the measure of the Chipsies by a 42-17 count. Immediately following that game, the Emersonians started off on the right foot by edging out the Squire Buff team.

On Wednesday, the strong Alpha Delt quintet tangled with the revived Tekes, who have put in an appearance athletically even though defunct socially. The latter part of the Wednesday night double header featured a Lambda Chi-DU embroglio.

On Friday, in the first game, the Sigs will meet the Dekes. Following this contest, the Theta Delts will match shots with Psi U.

Students Organize Fencing Team

Under the new student-coach, Paul Langa '48, a squad of 23 fencers are training to reorganize the Hill's Fencing Team which was coached by Mr. Jean Gelas up to the time of his retirement last Spring. Paul Langa fenced under Mr. Gelas in 1945 and since has taken the highest fencing honors in New Jersey amateur matches.

The excellent coaching of Gelas is not entirely lost to neophyte fencers, for Langa is working out experienced and inexperienced fencers with equal determination to make a good team that can compete in inter-scholastic matches with as much success as Hamilton's fencing team had in former years.

IN THIS CORNER. .

Leave us face it. Although Hamilton College won only two of its four regular games this fall, we are going to prove by neverlying figures that the Continentals were the best football team in the country last year. Trade papers please copy.

First, Hamilton beat Union 7-6. Union beat R. P. I. 27-7. Thus Hamilton is 21 points better than R. P. I. But, R. P. I. beat Amherst 13-0, making Hamilton 34 points better than Amherst. Amherst beat Colby 13-0, making Hamilton 47 points a better team than Colby. Bates beat Colby 6-0, 41 points less than our inspired Hamilton eleven would have amassed. Bates then ran up a 19-6 score on Tufts. Thus our gridiron heroes in Buff and Blue would have beaten Tufts by the lopsided score of 60-6. Tufts lost to Harvard by 49 points which proves that Hamilton is capable of taking Harvard over the hurdles by a 5-0 score. Stick around, this gets better all the time.

Harvard then beat Princeton 13-12, which made Harvard very happy, we're sure, but also asserted Hamilton's superiority over the Nassau Tiger by a 6 point edge. Princeton beat Penn by 17-14, giving Hamilton a 9 point nod over Penn. Pennsylvania walloped Navy 32-19 thus proving that Burns, Formon & Co. could have set the middies on their heels by a 22 point scoring difference. The Army-Navy game ended with Army on top by a 3 point edge. Thus Hamilton ends up with a 19 point edge over Army and Notre Dame, universally acknowledged as the two best teams in the country.

Unfortunately, the Hamilton academic council has already stated that under the present cut system it will be impossible for any Hamilton athletes to play in post-season bowl games or all-star games, without forfeiting 72 points on their final averages.

These mental gymnastics should increase our confidence in the future of Hamilton athletes. They also serve to make a column when all the home contests for the week of publication are cancelled because of lack of ice.

The only other item of interest we have been able to pick up is that Bob Macky has been shifted from the JayVee to the varsity squad, as a result of his performance against the Clinton American Legion on Saturday night.

Connolly, Brewer, Score Top for Blue

The invading Hobart statesmen proved to be the villains in the piece, as they spoiled the Hamilton opener, nipping the Continentals, 55-52, on Saturday before a near-capacity crowd of 750.

Coach Weber fielded a starting five composed of Bill Tank at center, Bob Brewer and Dan Ferguson at forward, and Bill Wilson and Rog Ferguson at guard. In the first quarter both teams looked ragged, though the visitors displayed more accuracy in their shooting. Hamilton's starting five, while clearly having the advantage in height, couldn't seem to achieve the needed cohesion that makes for successful team play. At the quarter, Hobart led, 13-8.

A new team took the floor for Hamilton at the start of the second period. Jack Connolly, last year's high scorer, was at center, Burton and Fuller were at forward, and Fuller and M. Fry played at guard. Almost at once, the Buff-and-Blue started to close the gap. At one point, the score stood at 18-19, the closest Hamilton came to the lead all night. This spurt proved to be shortlived, though, and Hobart enjoyed a 26-20 lead at the half.

The second half featured some yeoman work under the boards by Bob Brewer, who caged many rebounds by virtue of his alert play. The Continentals were now controlling the bacboards, though still experiencing difficulty in their scoring average. The two teams were now being scrambled by Coach Weber, and Connolly was now spar-

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Connolly Hurt On Snow Fence Wire

Tripping over a snow fence wire in last Sunday's blinding snow storm, Jack Connolly, high scorer in the Hobart game, sustained what at the time was thought to be a severe shoulder injury. Fearing that the shoulder might be broken, due to his inability to raise his arm, Jack rushed to the Infirmary. Dr. Hatfield diagnosed the injury to be a separated clavicle, but ensuing X-rays showed no evidence of a break, and Jack was released to take heat treatments at his own convenience. Due to the soreness in the arm, however, he was unable to make the Union trip. After the holidays, Jack will be seen again at the same old stand, pouring leather through the opposition's hoops.

STATESMEN WIN. . .

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king the team. If it weren't for some poor passing in this half, the outcome could have been quite different. The third quarter ended with Hobart leading 41-34. The final canto saw the Continentals try vainly to even the count, but to no avail. Connolly and Brewer, two of last year's stalwarts, were now playing extremely well, but the more experienced visitors had enough of a lead to squeeze through to a shaky 55-52 win.

Connolly and Brewer were the game's highscorers, racking up 14 and 13 points respectively.

Boxscore:

	G	F	Pts.
Tank	3	1	7
Brewer	5	3	13
D. Ferguson	1	3	5
R. Ferguson	2	1	5
Wilson	0	2	2
Connolly	6	2	14
M. Fry	0	0	0
Burton	0	0	0
T. Gregory	2	0	4
Fuller	1	0	2
	20	12	52

Wrestling Team Starts Workouts

Wrestling is being revived at Hamilton. Those students who have an inclination to the mat sport are being given an opportunity to show their stuff.

Pete Roberts, the man who is coaching the squad, would like perspective wrestlers to realize that no previous experience is necessary. Roberts also wants it understood that wrestling is more than just a grunt and groan sport.

It is going to be a policy of the squad to make their workouts short; nevertheless those participating should definitely get in shape. Incidentally here is a golden chance for those husky boys who would like to drop a few pounds.

There is a possibility that the team will engage in several meets and plans are under way in that direction.

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Weather Stymies Hockey Practice

The unpredictable weather has prevented the hockey candidates from getting on skates at all. Practice thus far has been confined to chalk talks in the gym and shooting practice in the cage set up in the gym basement. Due to lack of of facilities for practice the scheduled games with Clinton and Victoria have been postponed until later in the season.

The team has been split into two squads of about 25 men each. The first, composed mainly of former letter men at Hamilton and the second made up of the remaining candidates. Practice plans have been tentatively scheduled for the first ice. The first squad will practice from 4:30 to 5:30, the second from 5:30 to 6:15 and extra practices for the first squad will be held after resurfacing the ice in the evening.

If there is no ice here, the squad will go to Lake Placid during the Christmas holidays. They will leave the 2nd of January and return on the 5th. However, if there is ice, the squad will return early from vacation and practice will be held in the Sage Building.

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CHRISTMAS . . .

Another article about Christmas cheer is all that **Hamiltonew's** public needs at this point; so consider now the Yuletide spirit. Scenes familiar to all of us will soon be re-enacted as so often before: the old carols will be sung, apparently by the same muffled, red-cheeked beings as ever; Dicken's wonderful ghost story will once more be heard, with Mr. Marley's chain in the middle distance and Master Cratchit's winsome benediction at the end; and the wassail bowl (a container missing from even E. Hall's capacious pantry), will be trundled forth to hold a palatable decoction of material spirits. At the midnight Masses, Adeste Fideles and Stille Nacht will be sung, and priests will tell their people the old news of the great events which took place when, in those days, a decree went out from Ceasar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

We cynics may well harden our hearts to the balderdash and commercialism which come neatly packaged and garlanded with holly leaves at this season; but we cannot harden our hearts to the festival itself. It is easy to shut the door in the face of the salesman of Christmas cards and other items of fraud; it is impossible to shut the door on the seasonable greetings of our friends. In the terminology of old Doc Marx, the superstructure is parasitic but the basis is real. As a thing in itself, Christmas is the genuine goods.

People do not get along forever without a little childish enthusiasm. It is for that reason that Christmas came into the world-- to color and warm a bleak and cheerless season, to lighten the darling northern winter. Truly enough, this holiday is an unsophisticated affair. It should be. The Christ Child is as unsophisticated a young gentleman as anyone could desire.

Just as with respect to death all men are terribly equal, so with respect to this incredibe Birth they are all one in delight and good humor. People who are depressed at the thought of a new baby on earth may well be bored with the recollection of that ancient Baby of Judea. Everyone else is full of glad tidings and great joy. If it all is sentimental and quaint, it doesn't make a bit of difference. We all have a fine time and our improvised wassail bowl is empty only when the Yule log burns out.

So let the holiday fantasy engage us once again. Let the green wreaths hang and the bright trees glow. Whether on this chilly hilltop or at home, the season is merry— a season delightful in anticipation and pleasant in retrospect. It comes only annually; so it is a rare thing, to be prized and enjoyed for its own sake. It is Christmas, and there is enough for all of us.

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EXHIBIT . . .

With the inspiration of Mrs. V. Valta Parma, of Washington, D C., wife of former Curator of Rare Books at the Library of Congress, and with loans from her collection, that of Mr. H. W. Kent and the Library, a Christmas Exhibit has been artfully selected and presented in the hall of the Hamilton College Library by Mrs. John Acker.

The exhibit includes a variety of Christmas greetings of unusual originality. The most intriguing, perhaps, are the two "metamorphoses" which Mr. and Mrs. Parma received as Christmas cards.

Among the libraries valuable acquisitions, Mr. Wilder and Mrs. Acker found and put in the exhibit several of Alexander Woollcott's gifts to Hamilton. Two on display, one from Dorothy Parker and the other from Elsie Janis, were to be supplemented by a Christmas greeting which Woollcott himself sent one Christmas. Approximately 75 copies were printed, the first of which was sent to the Library with a short letter and Mr. Woollcott's specific request that the small booklet be kept in the Browsing Room. Because it is a work that is not kept in the Treasure Room only because of Woollctt's request, the person who might have borrowed it on the strength of its great interest to Hamilton is asked to return it to the Browsing Room, to the end that Mr. Woollcott and Mr. Wilder will not rest uneasily.

THIN MAN . . .

It all started with a popular detective novel by Dashiel Hammett in the early 30's. Hollywood then flashed **The Thin Man** on screens across the nation. The entire production, especially Myrna Loy and William Powell, made a great hit with the public in 1934 and it was heralded as great entertainment.

That started it — it gave rise to a series of Thin Man comedy-mystery pictures with just plain appealing Myrna Loy, and a wire haired terrier called Asta. Not only this series of popular movies, but a weekly Thin Man mystery was put on the air. Nick Charles, the Thin Man detective, became 1930's variation on Sherlock Holmes with the addition of rapid fire humor, drinking such as would make a Deke's head spin, and an attractive wife-assistant.

In spite of the outmoded dress and the stock mystery characters who have since become corny if not tiresome through repetition, the revival of **The Thin Man** last Friday night by the College Cinema Society was generally well-enjoyed.

A few scenes between Powell and Loy were very polished and retained their hilarious luster. Blended with this and the amusing, affectionate pat-on-the-head, kick-in-the-pants treatment Nick Charles gives his wife, is a successful whodunit plot complete with two scenes of fist-clenching suspense. Just as **Destry Rides Again** is still enjoyable for its simple, frank handling of the Western, so **The Thin Man** is entertaining without the pretentious trappings of the presently popular psychological drama.

On this same program with **The Thin Man** was a powerful documentary, **The River.** This, like the documentary film **The City,** shown with **Destry Rides Again,** was a masterfully complete use of the motion picture medium. Both of these films were serious and important and impressive. Here in two of the greatest pre-war documentary films, a stirring narrative, a magnificent, appropriate musical score, and a series of expertly edited and carefully paced scenes were combined into a totally effective screen production.

The River told the story and problem of the Mississippi; it was written and directed by Pare Lorenz with Music by Virgil gil Thomson and Alexander Smallens and narration by Thomas Chalmers, with a memorable score by Aaron Copland.

Our Christmas Santa Claus

"...He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedlar just opening his pack.
His eyes — how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself..."

As you read the poetry above, you will probably smile a little as a vision passes before your mind It has such a perennial and abounding charm that it could be called the greatest single vision of happiness that the children of this earth have ever known. It is the vision of "a right jolly old elf" — Santa Claus.

If you will turn your thoughts backward and ride with me in a sleigh up the long drive and through the park of a manor in the rural part of New York City (the year is 1822), you will see where this vision of Santa Claus first delighted the hearts of children. We haven't much room in this sleigh — it is filled with gifts for the children of Chelsea House, and in it is a man with a kindly disposition and a twinkling eye, being driven home on Christmas Eve. The house is large and square and welcoming, and as this gentleman is drawn towards its door, he breathes the crisp air and ... suddenly!... a spark of immortality is kindled in his mind—

"'Twas the night before Christmas..."

Clement Clarke Moore, son of Bishop Benjamin Moore (who assisted at the inauguration of George Washington), was not an ordinary mortal. He graduated from Columbia at the age of nineteen; he became a noted author and theologian; he was humble and courageous; scholarly and witty; he wrote *The Visit From St. Nicholas,* eulogized by one of the millions who have loved it as "the greatest piece of genre word-painting in the English language."

Do you think that such praise of a pleasant little poem is unmeasured? Not so, my friend, for the Santa Claus who lived in our imaginations when we were children, the Santa Claus who comes each year to prove that children are not confined by the finite boundaries of adult minds, the Santa Claus whose "pedlar's pack" holds good and joyous gifts for all who will accept them, the Santa Claus whose "minature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer" bring him to our roof-tops each year, to drop down the chimney with "a bundle of Toys he had flung on his back," — *THAT Santa Claus never before existed before this beloved poem was written.*

This Christmas Eve a small group of children will gather at the grave of Clement Clark Moore to lay a wreath and sing a few carols. And in our land, with as much surety as the Greatest of Anniversaries is celebrated and re-celebrated, the echo of those gracious words, first spoken before the fire in Chelsea House, will be heard:

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